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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV SPEECH AT VE DAY CELEBRATION

1. COMMEMORATION OF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY TOOK PREDICTABLE FORM. MAJOR SPEECHES AT OFFICIAL CELEBRATION MAY 7 BY PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV, AGRARIAN UNION CHIEF PETUR TANCHEV, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR BAZOVSKI MADE PASSING, PRO-FORMA REFERENCES TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF WESTERN ALLIES, BUT OTHERWISE CONSISTED OF EXTRAVAGANT PRAISE FOR SOVIET UNION AND RED ARMY. ZHIVKOV SPEECH INCLUDED FOLLOWING POINTS OF SOME INTEREST.

2. ZHIVKOV STATED US, UK, ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES MADE "AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION" IN ROUTING FASCISM. HE RECALLED THAT GOVERNMENTS-IN-EXILE IN LONDON CONTINUED RESISTANCE WITH WESTERN AID AND HAILED

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OPENING OF WESTERN FRONT IN 1944 WHILE NOTING THAT THIS WAS THREE YEARS AFTER "HEAVY AND BLOODY" BATTLES BEGAN ON EASTERN FRONT. ZHIVKOV ADDED THAT HE WAS NOTING LATTER NOT TO BELITTLE CONTRIBUTION OF WESTERN ALLIES BUT BECAUSE

OF ATTEMPTS TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGET "INVALUABLE AND DECISIVE
ROLE OF SOVIET UNION". ZHIVKOV CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT
THAT IN AREAS LIBERATED BY SOVIET UNION "PEOPLES'
DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONS" SUCCEEDED WHILE IN OTHER EUROPEAN
AREAS "BOURGOIS" REGIMES WERE RESTORED.

3. ZHIVKOV ALSO STRESSED ROLE OF BULGARIAN PARTISANS AND
POST-REVOLUTIONARY BULGARIAN ARMY IN WAR, PARTICULARLY
LATTER'S ACTION IN YUGOSLAVIA. AS A SOP TO YUGOSLAV
SENSITIVITIES HE REFERRED TO TITO AS "LEGENDARY LEADER"
AND YUGOSLAVIA'S "GREATEST SON". HE FURTHER STATED THAT
YUGOSLAVIA HAD THE LARGEST PARTISAN ARMY AFTER THE SOVIET
UNION AND THAT HERIOT STRUGGLE OF YUGOSLAVS EXERTED
"DIRECT INFLUENCE" ON BULGARIAN PEOPLE.

4. DRAWING LESSONS FROM PAST, ZHIVKOV SAID ANTI-HITLER
ALLIANCE POINTED OUT "NECESSITY AND POSSIBILITY OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL
STRUCTURES" AND TODAY HAD SIGNIFICANCE "IN STRUGGLE TO
AVERT A NEW WORLD WAR". ELSEWHERE HE POINTED OUT IMPROVED
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES,
STATING THERE IS "EVERY BASIS TO BELIEVE" CONCLUDING STAGE
OF CSCE VERY SOON AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

5. ZHIVKOV ALSO CONGRATULATED CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM FOR
VICTORY OVER "DICTATORSHIP OF BLOODY PUPPETS" AND EXPRESSED
ALARM AT "OVERT AND COVERT THREATS" AGAINST PORTUGAL. BEFORE
LAUNCHING INTO HIS PERORATION, HE PLEDGED CONTINUED BULGARIAN
SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM WHETHER "IN EUROPE,
NEAR OR FAR EAST, LATIN AMERICA, OR AFRICA."
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